GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1740
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FENCING AT BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants cut through barbed wire as reported in the Hindustan Times dated July 21,2006;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the power supply to barbed wire fence separating India and Pakistan along the line of control is erratic;

(d) if so, the reasons and details in this regard;

(e) whether the infiltration is high this year as the militants are taking full advantage of the darkness;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the corrective steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Intelligence reports indicate that terrorists in camps across the border are being trained in techniques to breach the Line of Control (LoC) fence and wire cutters have also been recovered by Security Forces from the possession of killed terrorists on LoC during infiltration bids foiled.

(c) & (d): The barbed wire fencing erected all along LoC/ International Border in Jammu and Kashmir has the provision for electricity through back up Gen Sets for use as and when electricity gets disrupted.

(e) to (f): As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 299 terrorists are estimated to have infiltrated till June 30, 2006 as compared to 92 in the corresponding period of last year.

(g): The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.